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Miami Beach is in High-Gear with Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety --To Watch a Video Segment on the HVE Detail, Click Here.--

Miami Beach, **FL** – Pedestrian and bicycle accidents are more likely to result in fatal or serious injuries than any other types of accidents. A City of Miami Beach bicycle and pedestrian safety initiative is in place to make change and reduce the number of accidents between motor vehicles and cyclists/pedestrians through education and enforcement.

For the third year in a row, the Miami Beach Police Department is conducting a pedestrian and bicycle safety enforcement campaign thanks to a \$49,650.98 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation and University of South Florida.

Early this month, High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) Detail Squads will begin educating people using high-traffic intersections on safe behaviors. HVE squads will soon progress to issuing warnings, followed by citations. Detail squads are strategically placed throughout the city based upon analysis of accident sites from the MBPD Accident Investigation Unit.

Last year the HVE Detail generated 1,863 warnings and 1,736 citations.

The main objective of this grant is to use law enforcement support to educate and enforce safe pedestrian, bicyclist and driver behaviors that will reduce traffic crashes and fatalities.

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